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Arizona Department of Public Safety District One – Mohave County area Fatality Collisions Memorial Day Weekend May 23-26, 2008

Fatal Collision: Friday, May 23, 2008 State Route 95 Milepost 173

On Friday, May 23, 2008, at approximately 4:39 p.m., a two vehicle collision with two fatalities and involving a commercial vehicle, that occurred on State Route 95 southbound near Milepost 173, which is just south of Lake Havasu City. A Chevrolet 4 door passenger vehicle was traveling northbound on State Route 95 when the driver lost control of the vehicle for an unknown reason, crossed the painted center lane divider and drove head-on into a tractor trailer unit that was traveling southbound. After impact the Chevrolet became completely engulfed in flames while the two occupants were inside the vehicle.

The Chevrolet driver, Jeffery Bacon, age 43, resident of Parker, was declared deceased at the scene due to the injuries sustained in the collision. Dirk O. Little, age 47, resident of Payson, the vehicle passenger was also declared deceased at the scene due to injuries sustained. It is unknown if the driver or passenger were wearing any safety restraints.

The tractor-trailer was driven by James F. McCarter, age 70, of DeFuniak Springs, Florida and the passenger Amber N. Cook, age 31, of Nogales were not injured. Both were wearing safety restraints at the time of the collision.

The driver of the Chevrolet was determined to be at fault and the cause of the collision when the vehicle crossed into the path of the commercial vehicle. There will not be any enforcement action in this collision.

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Fatal Collision: Sunday, May 25, 2008 Interstate 40, Milepost 67

On Sunday, May 25, 2008, a one vehicle collision with one fatality occurred around 5:57 AM on Interstate 40 eastbound, near milepost 67 which is approximately 14 miles east of Kingman. A Ford pick-up was traveling east bound on Interstate 40, when the driver stated she attempted to avoid an animal on the roadway, lost control of the vehicle, then drove off the left side of the roadway and rolled over.

The driver, Anita Perkins, age 43, resident of Long Beach, California, was injured and transported to a Kingman area hospital. The passenger, Deborah Ann Bradley, age 43, resident of Oceanside, California, was declared deceased at the scene of the collision due to injuries sustained in the collision.

It has not been determined at this time if safety restraints were in use by either occupant. It also has not been determined at this time if there will be any enforcement action or if specific fault or cause has been determined. The investigation is continuing.

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Fatal Collision: Monday, May 26, 2008 US93, Milepost 43

On Monday, May 26, 2008, a one vehicle collision occurred around 9:11 AM on US 93 southbound near Milepost 43, which is approximately 25 miles north of Kingman. A Chevrolet passenger vehicle was traveling southbound on US 93; when the driver lost control for an unknown reason which caused it to travel off the roadway and onto the right shoulder. The vehicle traveled back onto the roadway, crossing back and forth over both of the southbound lanes before it traveled into the dirt depressed median, where it rolled over ejecting one of the occupants.

The driver, Baojun Liu, age 56, of Rockville, Maryland, was injured and transported to a Las Vegas, Nevada area hospital. Yue Liu, a passenger, age 28, resident of of Rockville, Maryland, was injured and transported to a Kingman area hospital. A third passenger, Ling Ru, age 53, resident of Rockville, Maryland, was ejected from the vehicle and declared deceased at the scene.

Safety restraints were used by two of the vehicle's occupants and not used by the ejected occupant. It has not been determined at this time if any enforcement action will be taken or if fault or cause has been determined. The investigation is continuing.